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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Olaf MANCZAK, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/731,418

Group Art Unit: 2171

Filed: December 5, 2000

Examiner: Unassigned

For: Symmetric Shared File Storage System

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please delete the first full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

The present application is related to commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/709,187, entitled "Scalable Storage" by David Raccah et al., filed November 10, 2000 (Atty. Dkt. ZAM-0001), U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/659,107, entitled "Storage System Having Partitioned Migratable Metadata," filed September 11, 2000 (Atty. Dkt. ZAM-0003) and U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/664,677, entitled "File Storage System Having Separation of Components," filed September 19, 2000 (Atty. Dkt. ZAM-0004), the contents of each being incorporated herein by reference.